

**PROFILE OF SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS**  
**1990 and 2000**

**RHODE ISLAND**

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	Number 1990	Percent	Number 2000	Percent	Number Change 1990 - 2000	Percent
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>						
<b>POPULATION 3 YEARS AND OVER</b>						
<b>ENROLLED IN SCHOOL <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>254,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>290,605</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>35,970</b>	<b>14.1</b>
Nursery school, preschool	x	x	16,207	5.6	x	x
Kindergarten	x	x	14,443	5.0	x	x
Elementary school	(included in high school total)		118,468	40.8	x	x
High school (grades 9-12) (1990: grades 1-12)	148,499	58.3	57,478	19.8	x	x
College or graduate school	51,526	34.7	84,009	28.9	32,483	63.0
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>						
<b>POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER</b>						
	<b>658,956</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>694,573</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>35,617</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Less than 9th grade	72,842	11.1	56,312	8.1	-16,530	-22.7
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	111,502	16.9	96,774	13.9	-14,728	-13.2
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	194,064	29.5	192,914	27.8	-1,150	-0.6
Some college, no degree	99,092	15.0	122,261	17.6	23,169	23.4
Associate degree	41,296	6.3	48,495	7.0	7,199	17.4
Bachelor's degree	88,634	13.5	110,175	15.9	21,541	24.3
Graduate or professional degree	51,526	7.8	67,642	9.7	16,116	31.3
Percent high school graduate or higher	72.0	x	78.0	x	6.0	x
Percent Bachelor's degree or higher	21.3	x	25.6	x	4.3	x
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>						
<b>POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER</b>						
	<b>813,358</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>841,503</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>28,145</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Never married	236,725	29.1	249,556	29.7	12,831	5.4
Now married (not separated)	418,984	51.5	433,554	51.5	14,570	3.5
Separated	13,700	1.7	16,022	1.9	2,322	16.9
Widowed	68,312	8.4	63,120	7.5	-5,192	-7.6
Female	57,257	7.0	51,061	6.1	-6,196	-10.8
Divorced	63,163	7.8	79,251	9.4	16,088	25.5
Female	36,462	4.5	47,430	5.6	10,968	30.1
<b>GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS</b>						
<b>GRANDPARENT LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD WITH ONE OR MORE OWN GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS <sup>2</sup></b>						
	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>16,957</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	x	x	5,060	29.8	x	x
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>						
<b>CIVILIAN POPULATION 18 YEARS AND OVER</b>						
	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>797,047</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
Civilian veterans	x	x	102,494	12.9	x	x
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>						
<b>POPULATION 5 TO 20 YEARS</b>						
	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>234,287</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
With a disability	x	x	21,713	9.3	x	x
<b>POPULATION 21 TO 64 YEARS</b>						
	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>589,705</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
With a disability	x	x	116,305	19.7	x	x
Percent employed	x	x	58.4	x	x	x
No disability	x	x	473,400	80.3	x	x
Percent employed	x	x	79.4	x	x	x
<b>POPULATION 65 AND OVER</b>						
	<b>140,725</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>143,565</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>2.0</b>
With a disability	47,196	33.5	57,788	40.3	10,592	22.4
<b>RESIDENCE IN 1995 (1990 CENSUS: 1985)</b>						
<b>POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER</b>						
	<b>936,423</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>985,184</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,761</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Same house	537,546	57.4	572,209	58.1	34,663	6.4
Different house in the U.S.	377,161	40.3	387,429	39.3	10,268	2.7
Same county	223,290	23.8	240,067	24.4	16,777	7.5
Different county	47,954	5.1	147,362	15.0	99,408	207.3
Same state	271,244	29.0	50,382	5.1	-220,862	-81.4
Different state	105,917	11.3	96,980	9.8	-8,937	-8.4
Elsewhere (1990: lived abroad)	21,716	2.3	25,546	2.6	3,830	17.6

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<b>NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH</b>						
<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	<b>1,003,464</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,048,319</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>44,855</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Native	908,376	90.5	929,042	88.6	20,666	2.3
Born in the United States	894,057	89.1	910,056	86.8	15,999	1.8
State of residence	636,222	63.4	643,912	61.4	7,690	1.2
Different state	257,835	25.7	266,144	25.4	8,309	3.2
Born outside the United States	14,319	1.4	18,986	1.8	4,667	32.6
Foreign born	95,088	9.5	119,277	11.4	24,189	25.4
Entered 1990 to March 2000 *	35,079	3.5	41,478	4.0	6,399	18.2
Naturalized citizen	42,670	4.3	56,184	5.4	13,514	31.7
Not a citizen	52,418	5.2	63,093	6.0	10,675	20.4
<b>REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>						
<b>TOTAL FOREIGN BORN POPULATION (excluding born at sea)</b>	<b>95,088</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>119,277</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>25.4</b>
Europe	x	x	39,221	32.9	x	x
Asia	x	x	19,578	16.4	x	x
Africa	x	x	12,066	10.1	x	x
Oceania	x	x	397	0.3	x	x
Latin America	x	x	43,892	36.8	x	x
Northern America	x	x	4,123	3.5	x	x
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>						
<b>POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER</b>	<b>936,423</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>985,184</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,761</b>	<b>5.2</b>
English only	298,024	31.8	788,560	80.0	490,536	164.6
Language other than English	159,492	17.0	196,624	20.0	37,132	23.3
Speak English other than "very well"	65,927	7.0	83,624	8.5	17,697	26.8
Spanish	35,492	3.8	79,443	8.1	43,951	123.8
Speak English other than "very well"	19,789	2.1	40,403	4.1	20,614	104.2
Other Indo-European languages	x	x	91,449	9.3	x	x
Speak English other than "very well"	x	x	31,517	3.2	x	x
Asian and Pacific Island languages	12,756	1.4	19,926	2.0	7,170	56.2
Speak English other than "very well"	7,182	0.8	9,991	1.0	2,809	39.1
<b>ANCESTRY (single or multiple)</b>						
<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	<b>1,003,464</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,048,319</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>44,855</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Total ancestries reported	1,276,935	127.3	1,231,139	117.4	-45,796	-3.6
Arab	6,370	0.6	7,171	0.7	801	12.6
Czech <sup>3</sup>	1,927	0.2	1,673	0.2	-254	-13.2
Danish	1,978	0.2	1,811	0.2	-167	-8.4
Dutch	6,933	0.7	5,832	0.6	-1,101	-15.9
English	161,001	16.0	125,393	12.0	-35,608	-22.1
French (except Basque) <sup>3</sup>	134,177	13.4	114,264	10.9	-19,913	-14.8
French Canadian <sup>3</sup>	72,843	7.3	66,792	6.4	-6,051	-8.3
German	73,482	7.3	56,066	5.3	-17,416	-23.7
Greek	6,208	0.6	6,482	0.6	274	4.4
Hungarian	2,902	0.3	2,127	0.2	-775	-26.7
Irish <sup>3</sup>	213,801	21.3	193,273	18.4	-20,528	-9.6
Italian	199,190	19.9	199,077	19.0	-113	-0.1
Lithuanian	4,580	0.5	3,419	0.3	-1,161	-25.3
Norwegian	4,010	0.4	4,307	0.4	297	7.4
Polish	47,227	4.7	43,159	4.1	-4,068	-8.6
Portuguese	94,650	9.4	91,445	8.7	-3,205	-3.4
Russian	12,412	1.2	9,662	0.9	-2,750	-22.2
Scotch-Irish	13,638	1.4	12,037	1.1	-1,601	-11.7
Scottish	24,144	2.4	20,024	1.9	-4,120	-17.1
Slovak	2,231	0.2	843	0.1	-1,388	-62.2
Subsaharan African	12,618	1.3	23,249	2.2	10,631	84.3
Swedish	22,373	2.2	18,752	1.8	-3,621	-16.2
Swiss	1,459	0.1	1,370	0.1	-89	-6.1
Ukrainian	3,530	0.4	3,331	0.3	-199	-5.6
United States or American	20,994	2.1	31,357	3.0	10,363	49.4
Welsh	3,253	0.3	2,780	0.3	-473	-14.5
West Indian (excluding Hispanic groups)	2,182	0.2	4,574	0.4	2,392	109.6
Other ancestries	126,822	12.6	180,869	17.3	54,047	42.6

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FOOTNOTES

x Data not available or not applicable.

\* 1990 census: entered 1980 to 1990.

<sup>1</sup> In 1990, persons who were enrolled and reported completing nursery school or less were classified as enrolled in "preprimary school", which includes kindergarten. Elementary school and High school combined into one data field in 1990.

<sup>2</sup> Question relating to "grandparents as caregivers" not asked in 1990 census.

<sup>3</sup> The data represent a combination of two ancestries shown seperately in Summary File 3. Czech includes Czechoslovakian. French includes Alsatian. French Canadian includes Acadian/Cajun. Irish includes Celtic.